

REMARKS

In response to the Office Action mailed April 6, 2004, Applicants amended claim 1, cancelled claims 3, 4 and 39-58, and added new claims 60-89. Claims 1, 7-38 and 59-89 are presented for examination.

The Examiner objected to claims 39-58. Applicants cancelled these claims, so the objection should be withdrawn.

The Examiner rejected claims 1, 4, 7-10 and 23 under 35 U.S.C. §102(e) as being anticipated by U.S. Pub. No. 2001/0050191 (Ogawa). Claim 1 is an independent claim from which claims 4, 7-10 and 23 depend. Applicants amended claim 1 to include the limitations of previously pending claim 3, which was not rejected as being anticipated by Ogawa. Accordingly, Applicants request reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejection of claims 1, 4, 7-10 and 23 under 35 U.S.C. §102(e).

New claim 60 is an independent claim, and new claims 61-71 depend from claim 60. Claim 60 corresponds to previously presented claim 11, which was indicated as being directed to allowable subject matter.

New claim 72 is an independent claim, and new claims 73-89 depend from claim 72. Claim 72 corresponds to previously presented claim 59, which was indicated as being directed to allowable subject matter.

Applicants believe the application is in condition for allowance, which action is requested.

Applicants enclose a check in connection with the fee for extra claims. Please apply any other charges or credits to deposit account 06-1050.

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